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SENATOR LYNCH: Madam Lieutenant Governor and members, could I ask Senator Will a question, too?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Will, will you yield?

SENATOR WILL: Yes.

SENATOR LYNCH: Eric, I...at what point in time...well first of all, I guess, the question would be, are all of these people that need this kind of help and would be affected by this bill wards of the court?

SENATOR WILL: I'm not sure that they are all wards of the court, Senator Lynch. They have been adjudicated and, thus, are under the jurisdiction of the court. I don't know if they are technically wards of the court, all of them.

SENATOR LYNCH: But if, in fact, somebody were sent out of state to one of the rehabilitation programs, like down in Kansas, and we've known this for some time in Douglas County, would they have to be wards of the court before the state could send them out of state for rehabilitation?

SENATOR WILL: I don't know the answer to that question, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: How much do you think a program should cost that rehabilitates some of these kids, a month? Say, \$6,000 a month? \$200 a day, or something like that?

SENATOR WILL: I think...I think, Senator Lynch, it would depend upon the type of treatment that's needed, the type of facility that they...they they're in. There probably are people on the this floor that are more knowledgeable than me in that specific area.

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, I...anybody that can answer those questions, I'd be glad to hear the answer. And before you sit down, you may or may not have heard that, in fact, there is an Options I company that's been hired by HHS or whoever, in the state, to run programs for group homes, and there's a few that I